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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 76-60

TO: ALL-COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: SOCIAL SECURITY ENUMERATION OF ALL AFDC RECIPIENTS

REFERENCE: EAS SECTIONS 40-105.2, 44-213.53 AND ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 75-204
(SEPTEMBER 26, 1975)CANCELS: ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 74-119 (JULY 9, 1974) AND ALL-COUNTY LETTER
OF NOVEMBER 27, 1973 RE: SOCIAL SECURITY ENUMERATION FOR ALL
AFDC RECIPIENTS

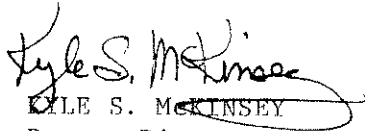
In an All-County Letter dated November 27, 1973, you were given procedures and instructions for enumeration of all AFDC recipients by July 1, 1974. In All-County Letter No. 74-119 (July 9, 1974), you were instructed that these enumeration requirements were delayed pending new federal instructions, but you were advised to continue the prospective enumeration process in the interim. All-County Letter No. 75-204 introduced regulations (EAS 40-105.2) that require each applicant/recipient to furnish, or cooperate in securing, a Social Security number, as a condition of eligibility. These regulations and the procedures given for applicants/recipients who cannot furnish a Social Security number were presented as interim procedures pending finalization of federal enumeration procedures.

Final enumeration procedures have been established in recent meetings held by state staff with the Social Security Administration (SSA) and Social and Rehabilitation Service (SRS) of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare (HEW). Current Department of Benefit Payments regulations (EAS 40-105 and 44-213) pertaining to enumeration for AFDC (in effect since October 1, 1975) satisfy federal enumeration requirements and need not be revised. It is not necessary for counties to process applications for social security numbers (Form SS-5) nor to follow procedures set forth in the Social Security "Welfare Enumeration Manual." The applicant/recipient's signed agreement to cooperate in securing such numbers by applying directly to the SSA - Temp 1061 or WR 2 Instructions (revised February 1976) - provides the necessary documentation of county compliance with these regulations.

It was further agreed in the meetings with HEW that should these procedures for securing social security numbers present a hardship to any applicants/recipients due to substantial distances between welfare and Social Security offices, local arrangements should be made with SSA to facilitate client convenience.

Since it is not a requirement that counties process applications for Social Security numbers, it should be pointed out that reimbursement for the administrative costs for such activities will be limited to the availability of funds from the existing allocation for AFDC. Those counties who have developed extensive systems should evaluate the impact of such expenditures on their ability to live within their total AFDC allocation.

If you have any questions or suggestions about enumeration procedures or if you need assistance in making local arrangements with SSA, please contact your AFDC Management Consultant at (916) 445-4458.


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